

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A multifunctional ladle, comprising:  
a handle; (1) and  
a ladle body (2) connected to one end of the handle; ~~characterized in that~~  
~~it further comprises~~  
a strainer ladle (3), which is matched with the ladle body and engaged with  
the ladle body ~~by means of a fixing device~~; and  
a controlling device (6), coupled to said strainer ladle, and which includes a  
control switch located on said handle, the control switch being slidable along the  
handle to a first position where ~~by which separation of the strainer ladle separates~~  
~~from the ladle body, and~~ to a second position where the strainer ladle nests within  
the ladle body to combine ~~combination of the strainer ladle with the ladle body are~~  
~~performed,~~  
wherein when the strainer ladle is separated from the ladle body, the  
strainer ladle is positioned to strain solids from a liquid, with the liquid flowing  
through the strainer ladle and into the ladle body;  
wherein when the strainer ladle is nested within the ladle body, the strainer  
ladle and the ladle body conjointly act as a ladle; and  
wherein and at the time of the strainer ladle is invertible relative to the ladle  
body, by turning over being separated from the ladle body turnover of the strainer  
ladle, relative to the ladle body, is made by hand.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The multifunctional ladle as recited in claim  
1, wherein a perforated drainstraining hole (11) is formed perforated on a the  
bottom of the ladle body, (2) and a projection (12) is provided on a the bottom of  
the strainer ladle (3), which corresponds to the drain straining hole, so that the  
drain hole and is exactly blocked by the projection when the control switch is in the  
second position thereon.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The multifunctional ladle as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~a control switch of the controlling device (6) is mounted on the handle (1), and~~ the controlling device includes a rod member (7), one end of which is connected to the control switch ~~through a spring (5) laid inside the handle (1) and~~ another end of which is connected to the strainer ladle ~~an elastic device (8),~~

wherein the controlling device further includes a spring disposed inside of the handle, and which acts against the rod member to urge the control switch to the second position, and

wherein an elastic device is disposed between the another end of the rod member and the strainer ladle.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The multifunctional ladle as recited in claim 3 ~~claim 1~~, wherein the strainer ladle has a short handle (9) is provided on the strainer ladle (3), and a screw boss disposed on a the back of the short handle ~~which a screw base (10) is mounted, and the handle having a positioning hole, the screw boss being base is inserted into the a positioning hole (4) on the handle (1) and then and~~ fixed to the rod member by a the fixing device, and wherein the elastic device is sleeved over the screw boss.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The multifunctional ladle as recited in claim 4, wherein the positioning hole ~~(4) on the handle (1)~~ is adjacent ~~near~~ to the ladle body ~~(2) and corresponds to the screw base (10)~~.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The multifunctional ladle as recited in claim 3 ~~claim 4~~, wherein the elastic device ~~(8)~~ is a coil spring or a ~~an~~ U-shaped spring.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The multifunctional ladle as recited in claim 1, wherein the strainer ladle has a concave shape, and has a plurality of (3) ~~has a hollowed out structure, on which some~~ arched and/or circular holes, a ~~are arranged and on the bottom centre of the strainer ladle being which~~ a solid circle member having a diameter of a chicken's egg yolk ~~is provided~~.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The multifunctional ladle as recited in claim 3, ~~claim 4~~ wherein any one of the handle ~~(1)~~, the ladle body ~~(2)~~, the strainer ladle ~~(3)~~ and the rod member ~~(7)~~ is made of a ~~kind of~~ material selected from the group consisting of steel, stainless steel, wood, plastics, rubber, iron, copper, silver, gold, aluminum, aluminum alloy, zinc, zinc alloy, or nickel ~~or the like~~.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The multifunctional ladle as recited in claim 2, wherein ~~a control switch of the controlling device (6) is mounted on the handle (1), and the controlling device includes a rod member (7), one end of~~

which is connected to the control switch ~~through a spring (5) laid inside the handle (4)~~ and another end of which is connected to the strainer ladle ~~an elastic device (8)~~.

wherein the controlling device further includes a spring disposed inside of the handle, and which acts against the rod member to urge the control switch to the second position, and

wherein an elastic device is disposed between the another end of the rod member and the strainer ladle.

Claims 11 and 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The multifunctional ladle as recited in claim 10, wherein the strainer ladle has a short handle (9) is provided on the strainer ladle (3), and a screw boss disposed on a the back of the short handle which a screw base (10) is mounted, and the handle having a positioning hole, the screw boss being base is inserted into the a positioning hole (4) on the handle (1) and then and fixed to the rod member by the a fixing device, and wherein the elastic device is sleeved over the screw boss

Claims 14-18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The multifunctional ladle as recited in claim 13, wherein the positioning hole ~~(4) on the handle (1)~~ is adjacent ~~near~~ to the ladle body ~~(2) and corresponds to the screw base (10)~~.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The multifunctional ladle as recited in claim 2, wherein the strainer ladle has a concave shape, and has a plurality of (3) ~~has a hollowed out structure, on which some arched and/or circular holes, a~~ center of the ~~are arranged and on the bottom centre of the strainer ladle being~~ which a solid circle member having a diameter of a chicken's egg yolk ~~is provided~~.

Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The multifunctional ladle as recited in claim 10, wherein any one of the handle (1), the ladle body (2), the strainer ladle (3) and the rod member ~~(7)~~ is made of a ~~kind of~~ material selected from the group consisting of steel, stainless steel, wood, plastics, rubber, iron, copper, silver, gold, aluminum, aluminum alloy, zinc, zinc alloy, or nickel ~~or the like~~.